

On the first page of the specification under RELATED APPLICATIONS, please amend the first paragraph to recite:

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This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/513,381, filed on February 25, 2000, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein. This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Number 60/121,836 entitled "Devices Comprising Immobilized Capture Probes" by Christopher P. Adams, T. Christian Boles, Lawrence Weir, Rahul K. Dhanda and Nevin Summers, filed on February 26, 1999, the entire teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

On the sixth page of the specification under the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, please amend the fifth full paragraph to recite:

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Figure 3D depicts the reverse sequence [SEQ ID NO: 9].

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Figure 3E depicts the sequences used in the method depicted in Figure 3A. The polylinker is SEQ ID NO: 5; the -21 Primer is SEQ ID NO: 6; 6249-17ac is SEQ ID NO: 4; 6277-21ac is SEQ ID NO: 7; and 6290-18ac is SEQ ID NO: 8.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-6, 12-17, 21, 22, 25, 27, 30, 31 and 35 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 7-11, 18-20, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32-34 and 36-38 are pending in the Application. Applicants have canceled claims 2-6, 12-17, 21, 22,